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MULTNOMAH COUNTY BACK TO ASSEMBLY

COLUMBIA CO. IGNORED

Political Wire Pullers and Warren
People Name Candidate.

Jack Day, a political hanger on, chairman of the Multnomah county central committee, and Elmer Amidon, the acknowledged h'ring of the Warren Construction company at Portland, called the men and so manipulated affairs that about 100 committeemen Multnomah out of a total of 358 at a Multnomah county caucus, went record Tuesday night as favoring the candidacy of E. E. Coovert for senator from the Fourteenth senatorial district to succeed Geo. M. McBride, resigned. The program, by constant work of these two before-mentioned self-appointed Moseses, was carried through quickly and on schedule time.

About two weeks ago an emissary from the Multnomah county chairman, who, by the way, is a member of the Columbia county committee, came to St. Helens for the purpose of securing the signature of the Columbia county chairman to the call for a joint committee meeting for the purpose of nominating a republican candidate. Representations were made that the chairman of the Clackamas committee had assented and would join in the call. As a matter of fact the Clackamas chairman had done nothing of the kind, so that when the call was presented to him the same representations were made that the Columbia county chairman wanted the meeting, so by helping the chairmen separated the call was gotten through by such misrepresentations, but when the falsehoods of Amidon and Day, who, by the way, called at St. Helens, became known there was a disposition by both the Columbia and Clackamas committeemen to stay away, except as from Columbia and three or four from Clackamas.

Now about the meeting. There were about one-third of the Multnomah committeemen present. Some wanted H. A. Lewis, a farmer living at Russellville in Multnomah county and a prominent member of the state senate, but Day, Amidon and other delegates wanted Coovert. A roll was called, but it was too three to call the entire roll, so when about half through some Warrenite called for a rising vote, and Lord stood up for Lewis, whereupon Lord Jack Day, penny-ante politician, stated Lewis was defeated and (as per the Oregonian's account of August 30) stated that "then the 17 votes would be counted for Mr. Lewis and that all others, whether they were present or represented by proxies or not, should be counted for Mr. Coovert—58 in all."

Did you ever hear of anything so rotten? Good boys, Coovert, Day, Amidon et al., but you can't get Oregon back to the old corrupt assembly system. Quoting from the Oregonian: "The meeting moved with much precision . . . and someone made a motion to adjourn the caucus and go into joint session. This was quickly carried." Of course it was quickly carried, because it was a part of Amidon's program. Thomas C. Watts was the only committeeman from Columbia county to participate in the prearranged program and he was elected chairman of the joint (?) session. Whereupon Mr. Coovert was promptly placed in nomination. Quoting again from the Oregonian's account of the assembly: "Elmer L. Amidon then arose as spokesman for Mr. Coovert and explained that Mr. Coovert did not want the endorsement unless it could be made representative of the three counties and that he would withdraw as independent candidate if the meeting did not endorse him."

And, by the way, bear in mind that Amidon wasn't even a committeeman and had no right to the floor. But the Warren Construction Company's voice had to be heard, therefore Amidon was heard.

The Mist reporter then left, but presumed Coovert was endorsed, although (Continued on page 5)

COUNTY ASSESSOR INDEXING TAX ROLLS

Work Will Be Completed in Time for
Board of Equalization.

The force in the assessor's office is busily engaged in indexing the 1916 tax roll and it will be probably several days yet before the work is completed. The work is very difficult, for the purpose is to group as nearly as possible all of the property owned by one individual.

If property owners would use care in buying property, to see that identical names were used in each parcel much trouble would be saved, not only in the assessor's office and tax collector, but also themselves. This variation of names in deeds prevail over the entire state, but the remedy lies with the purchaser, and he should have deeds made in his name as he usually writes it, or in keeping with the signature used in making out checks. In some of the eastern states the law requires that the given name be written in full to all legal documents. The federal government requires this and it would be well for Oregon to enact such a law.

Having land under different initials not only prevents the proper indexing but it sometimes happens that a man will believe that he has paid his taxes only to find later that they are delinquent on one or more parcels.

HIGHWAY NEAR GOBLE TO BE IMPROVED

Roadmaster Aken and his force of men are at Goble unloading the crusher and other necessary machinery and are preparing to make repairs to the rough places on the highway for a distance of one and one-half miles. As stated in last week's Mist, the first two miles from Goble leading to Rainier were in very bad shape, and it is the intention of the county court to repair this portion of the road before the bad weather sets in.

COLUMBIA COUNTY WILL HAVE CANDIDATE

Many citizens of Columbia county are not favorable to the choice of Elmer Amidon, Warren Construction Company's lobbyist, and are talking about putting out another candidate. The people of Columbia county know they haven't had a senator during the last thirty years, and they do not propose for some small calibre politician in Multnomah county to say just who they shall have, and then make Columbia county take the dose. Those prominently mentioned as successors to G. M. McBride and E. I. Ballagh of St. Helens, Grant Watts of Seapooze and M. E. Miller of St. Helens, a former representative. W. J. Fullerton of Warren, is also mentioned. This is a time to lay aside politics and get a good man from Columbia county. Multnomah county will never give its sister county a fair deal with such men as Amidon and Day running the whole show.

MICHIGANDERS PICNIC

The Columbia county society of Michiganders held their annual picnic in the city park yesterday. The day was beautiful, very suitable for an occasion of this kind and many former residents of the great state of Michigan assembled for a reunion. An address of welcome was delivered by the mayor, after which the large crowd of guests repaired to a long table which fairly groaned under its load of eatables. In the afternoon Rev. Sanford Snyder made a short talk, and Miss Nettie Snyder rendered a solo so well received that she responded to an encore. The afternoon was spent in renewing old acquaintances and talking over the old times in Michigan. People from Rainier, Clatskanie, St. Johns and other towns were present. The committee in charge of arrangements was Mrs. Effie Wilson, Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Hyde of Yankton, and the manner in which the whole affair was handled was proof that the committee did their work to the satisfaction of all. Come again, Michiganders.

COMMODORE OF McCORMICK FLEET PASSES AWAY

EDWARD JAHNSEN DIES AT ASTORIA AUGUST 29

Stroke of Apoplexy Ends Useful Life. Jahnson Highly Regarded
Over Entire Pacific Coast.



Captain Edward Jahnson, commodore of the McCormick fleet, died at Astoria at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, the result of a stroke of apoplexy received Friday night. While sitting in the pilot's office at Astoria, talking to friends, Captain Jahnson was stricken and soon lapsed into unconsciousness and remained in that state until his death. He was removed to a hospital and his wife, who lives in Oakland, Cal., was informed by wire of his condition, and she was at his bedside when he breathed his last.

No master mariner on the Pacific coast was more highly esteemed among friends and acquaintances than Edward Jahnson. He had the reputation of being a careful mariner, and many St. Helens people who have been at sea with him always felt perfectly safe no matter what the weather was, because Captain Jahnson was there. In April of this year a Mist reporter had an interview with the captain and he stated that during his 46 years at sea "he never saw a sailor drowned, a ship wrecked, or any accident of any consequence." Capt. Jahnson towed the first cigar-shaped raft to California, a departure undertaken some years ago and regarded as a feat in transportation. He landed the raft safely. During his career on the Pacific coast he commanded eighteen different vessels but was in the employ of only a few companies. For the past

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ST. HELENS SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY MORN

Increased Attendance in All Grades
Expected—Teachers on Hand.

The St. Helens schools will open next Monday and preparations in and about the buildings have been in progress for several days past, and when the bell rings everything will be in readiness. The boys and girls, the men and women of tomorrow, will be supplied with modern equipment and up to date teachers and the outlook for a successful school is promising.

The enrollment is expected to exceed that of last year, and between 80 and 90 are expected to line up for the high school. Quite a number of students from outside districts have signified their intention of attending and have secured quarters for the term.

J. C. Beavers has been awarded the contract, at \$45 per month, for conveying the children to and from the south line of the district and on both sides of the slough, including the little mill and shipyard. A good, roomy launch will be used and all danger reduced to a minimum.

ASTORIA EDITOR HERE

J. S. Dellinger, editor and proprietor of the Daily Astorian, published at Astoria, was a business visitor to St. Helens Tuesday. He was accompanied by his wife, son and mother-in-law, Mrs. N. J. Stacey of Portland. The Dellingers left Astoria last Friday and motored to Portland via the new highway just recently opened to Nehalem and Tillamook. They report this portion of the highway in very good condition. From Tillamook they came to Portland via Sheridan and McMinnville and this road is also in fairly good shape except in some spots it is very dusty. They returned to Astoria via the Columbia highway. Mr. Dellinger has some splendid views taken on the lower Columbia highway which he has promised to send the Mist. Mr. Dellinger was much surprised to learn that our county had spent a million dollars in the past four years on roads without having more roads than we have, and was of the opinion that our funds must have been spent along the same line as in Clatsop, where he claims thousands of dollars have been expended without much to show for the taxpayers' money.

LOCAL AGENT

Mrs. Stella Miller has been appointed as Columbia county representative of the Oregon Life Insurance Company. The increasing business of this popular home institution in and around St. Helens was such as to require constant attention by a local representative, and Mrs. Miller was chosen to look after it. Her extensive acquaintance in this community and her well known ability in business affairs means for the company a good business and careful management. Any person desiring information on the question of life insurance should call on Mrs. Miller. The Oregon Life has made a record in Oregon that may be pointed to with pride and issues some of the best contracts that can be had. Men and women alike are taken as policy-holders at rates that are consistent with good business and that will compare with any other reliable company.

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. M. Rosenthal, daughter Ella and Miss Helen Riden, who for the past several weeks have been visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco, returned to St. Helens Wednesday. They made the trip from San Francisco on the steamer Great Northern. Mrs. Rosenthal states that the sea was smooth and none of the 275 passengers which the big vessel carried suffered from seasickness. The steamer made the trip from San Francisco to Astoria in 25 hours. As a special courtesy, the steamer train stopped at St. Helens to put off the Rosenthals.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS FROM ST. HELENS

STEAMERS TAKE CARGO

Busy Week at the Docks—Other
Marine News.

The steamer Nehalem is at the Columbia County Lumber Company's docks taking on a lumber cargo. She will drop down to St. Helens this morning and on completing her cargo will sail for the Bay City. It is expected that the Nehalem will soon leave the Pacific coast to enter the Gulf of Mexico trade.

The Japanese steamer Nippo Maru after taking on 500,000 ft. of lumber for delivery to some South American port, left up river Sunday and will complete her cargo at Linnton.

The steamer Klamath, flagship of the McCormick fleet, arrived in the river Wednesday night and proceeded to Linnton for a partial cargo, after which she will drop down to St. Helens to complete her load. The Klamath most of the time she has been in operation, was under command of the late Edward Jahnson. Chas. Marro, who went down with the Leggett, was also her commander for a short period. Captain Rorvik, recently killed in Portland, had charge of the vessel for some time. Her new commander is Captain Dan-skin, formerly chief officer on the steamer Multnomah.

The steamer Willavis, which enjoys the distinction of being the only steamer which has St. Helens as her register home, is having a new boiler installed and will be ready for service in a few days. Captain Paul Nelson will have charge of the steamer.

The motor vessel June, recently launched at the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company, is expected to be ready for service about September 20. It is planned that she will take a cargo at some point on the Columbia river for delivery at either Panama or the Gulf coast.

The steamer Willamette, under command of Captain Cullen, has established a new record for quick loading. The vessel arrived in the Columbia river at midnight Saturday, proceeded to Rainier and worked Sunday and Monday, and then coming up to St. Helens completed her cargo of 900,000 ft. of lumber on Tuesday morning, sailing at 11 o'clock. On Monday the Willamette took aboard 425,000 ft. of lumber in ten hours. The vessel crossed the Columbia river bar on her trip to San Pedro at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, being in the river only 66 hours.

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The Mist is printing 2,000 extra copies of its Industrial Edition, which will issue on September 15. About one-half of these extra copies have been spoken for. We do not wish to disappoint anyone, but it is necessary for you to order now just as many copies as you wish. The edition will be 28 pages and profusely illustrated with views of the whole of Columbia county. The price per copy will be 10 cents. If you wish any extra copies order them right now, for we anticipate that we will not be able to furnish all that are called for.

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N. O. LARABEE

After three years of successful management, N. O. Larabee has disposed of his hotel in West St. Helens to Mrs. John McQueen. She also purchased the confectionery and ice cream parlors and possession was given last week. Mr. Larabee worked up a good business, and it was a popular place to stop at as a good meal could always be secured together with courteous treatment. Mr. Larabee has not yet decided in what business he will engage, but he assured the Mist that he could not be chased out of St. Helens. We are glad of this as we want to keep all our good men and women.